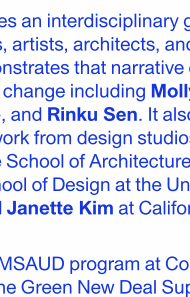


## MARCH 8 – 12

This week's highlights include the **6th Annual Urban Design Storytelling Symposium** on March 8 and the conference **Planning Futures? On Decolonial, Postcolonial, and Abolitionist Planning** on March 12. Scroll down to view more events, including lectures hosted as part of the *Lectures in Planning Series*, the *Preservation Lecture Series*, *Tech Talks*, *Techno-Critical Assemblies*, the *Urban Design Lecture Series*, and more.



March 8, 6:30pm  
Virtual

*6th Annual Urban Design Storytelling Symposium:  
Narrative Change for the Green New Deal*

The event convenes an interdisciplinary group of change agents — activists, artists, architects, and authors — whose work demonstrates that narrative change is essential to policy change including **Molly Crabapple**, **Heather McGhee**, and **Rinku Sen**. It also features presentations of work from design studios led by **Keller Easterling** at Yale School of Architecture, **Billy Fleming** at the Weitzman School of Design at the University of Pennsylvania, and **Janette Kim** at California College of the Arts.

Organized by the MSAUD program at Columbia GSAPP in partnership with the Green New Deal Superstudio, the Landscape Architecture Foundation, the Center for Resilient Cities and Landscapes at Columbia GSAPP, and the McHarg Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

[More info](#)

**PLANNING FUTURES? ON DECOLONIAL, POSTCOLONIAL, AND ABOLITIONIST PLANNING**

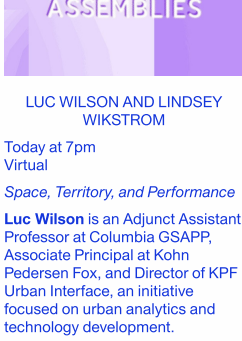
March 12, 9:30am  
Virtual

*Planning Futures? On Decolonial, Postcolonial, and Abolitionist Planning*

This one-day conference organized by **Hiba Bou Akar**, Assistant Professor at Columbia GSAPP, asks the following two interrelated questions: What are the futures of the field of urban planning, and what futures should we plan for when the future that is imagined in most of the world is one of state violence, dispossession, exploitation, war, and conflict, pandemics, and climate change? Following an introduction at 9:30AM, panel discussions include:

- Decentering Planning (9:45AM – 11:30AM)
- Decolonizing Planning (12:00PM – 2:00PM)
- Re-thinking Planning from the Margins (3:00PM – 4:45PM)
- Frontiers and their Politics of Planning (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

[More info](#)



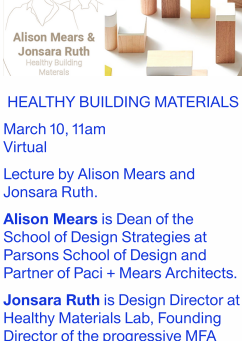
NISHA D. BOTCHWEY, PHD,  
MCRP, MPH

Today at 1:15pm  
Virtual

*Activating Two Decades of Built Environment and Public Health Scholarship through an Equity and Covid-19 Lens*

**Nisha Botchwey** is Associate Professor of City and Regional Planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Associate Dean Academic Affairs for Georgia Tech Professional Education.

Organized as part of the Lectures in Planning Series.



RONALD RAE

Today at 5pm  
Virtual

*Interventions of the Border Region*

**Ronald Rael**, Co-Founder of Rael San Fratello, is a designer, architectural researcher, author, entrepreneur, and thought leader in the fields of additive manufacturing and earthen architecture.

Moderated by Assistant Professor **Lola Ben Alon**.

Organized as part of the Tech Talk series.



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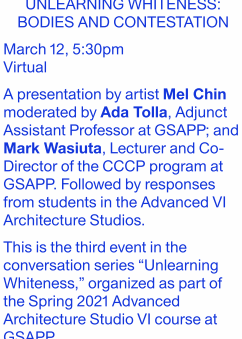
Today at 7pm  
Virtual

*Space, Territory, and Performance*

**Luc Wilson** is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia GSAPP, Associate Principal at Kohn Pedersen Fox, and Director of KPF Urban Interface, an initiative focused on urban analytics and technology development.

**Lindsey Wikstrom** is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia GSAPP and currently working with The Living and the non-profit organization Who Builds Your Architecture?

Organized as part of the Techno-Critical Assemblies series.



HEALTHY BUILDING MATERIALS

March 10, 11am  
Virtual

Lecture by Alison Mears and Jonsara Ruth.

**Alison Mears** is Dean of the School of Design Strategies at Parsons School of Design and Partner of Paci + Mears Architects.

**Jonsara Ruth** is Design Director at Healthy Materials Lab, Founding Director of the progressive MFA Interior Design program at Parsons School of Design, and Director of Salty Labs.

Moderated by Adjunct Assistant Professor **Catherine Murphy**.

Organized as part of the Tech Talk series.



HEALTH EQUITY IN PUBLIC SPACE

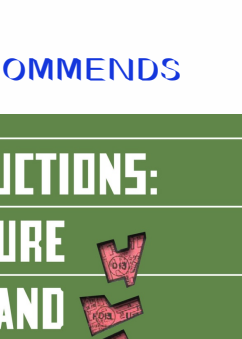
March 10, 5pm  
Virtual

Lecture by Nupur Chaudhury and Matthew Clarke.

**Nupur Chaudhury** is an Urban Design Forum Forefront Fellow, a Salzburg Global Seminar Fellow, a board member of the Center for the Living City, a member of the American Planning Association, and a member of the American Public Health Association.

**Matthew Clarke** is Executive Director of the Design Trust for Public Space, where he advocates for the power of public space to build vibrant, equitable communities.

Organized as part of the Urban Design Lecture series.



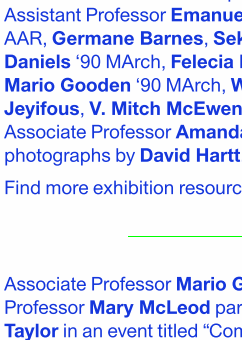
DRIVING WHILE BLACK: AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVEL AND THE ROAD TO CIVIL RIGHTS

March 11, 6:30pm  
Virtual

Lecture by Gretchen Sullivan Sorin.

**Gretchen Sullivan Sorin** is Director and Distinguished Professor of the Cooperstown Graduate Program, one of the nation's oldest and most well-respected training programs for museum professionals.

Organized as part of the Preservation Lecture Series.



EQUITY & JUSTICE ISSUES WITH THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION

March 11, 11am  
Virtual

*Interrupting Business as Usual: Equity + Justice Issues with the Profession Today*

A panel discussion among **Kendall Nicholson**, **Mark Gardner**, **Tonja Adair**, '07 MSAUD, and **Kiki Dennis**.

Moderated by **LeAnn Shelton** '90 M.Arch.

Organized by Adjunct Professor **Robert Herrmann** as part of the Advanced Professional Practice architecture course.

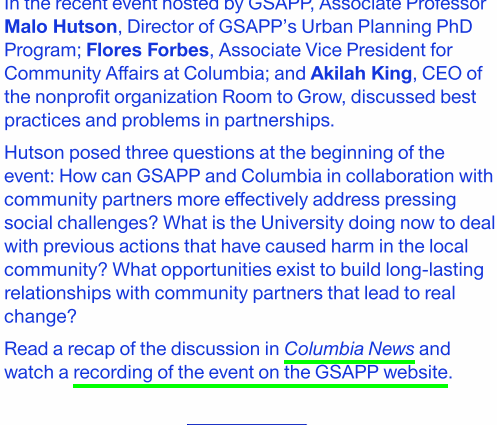
UNLEARNING WHITENESS: BODIES AND CONTESTATION

March 12, 5:30pm  
Virtual

A presentation by artist **Mel Chin** moderated by **Ada Tolla**, Adjunct Assistant Professor at GSAPP; and **Mark Wasiuta**, Lecturer and Co-Director of the CCCP program at GSAPP. Followed by responses from students in the Advanced VI Architecture Studios.

This is the third event in the conversation series "Unlearning Whiteness," organized as part of the Spring 2021 Advanced Architecture Studio VI course at GSAPP.

## EFFECTING REAL CHANGE



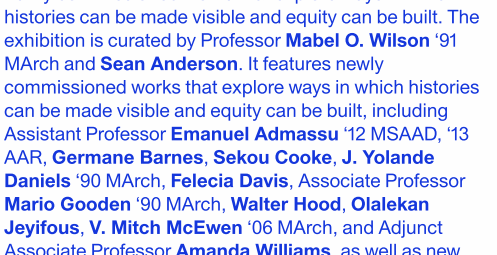
In the recent event hosted by GSAPP, Associate Professor **Malo Hutson**, Director of GSAPP's Urban Planning PhD Program; **Flores Forbes**, Associate Vice President for Community Affairs at Columbia; and **Akiyah King**, CEO of the nonprofit organization Room to Grow, discussed best practices and problems in partnerships.

Hutson posed three questions at the beginning of the event: How can GSAPP and Columbia in collaboration with community partners more effectively address pressing social challenges? What is the University doing now to deal with previous actions that have caused harm in the local community? What opportunities exist to build long-lasting relationships with community partners that lead to real change?

Read a recap of the discussion in [Columbia News](#) and watch a recording of the event on [the GSAPP website](#).

[More info](#)

## GSAPP RECOMMENDS



*Reconstructions: Architecture and Blackness in America* recently opened at the Museum of Modern Art and features newly commissioned works that explore ways in which histories can be made visible and equity can be built. The exhibition is curated by Professor **Mabel O. Wilson** '91 MArch and **Sean Anderson**. It features newly commissioned works that explore ways in which histories can be made visible and equity can be built, including Assistant Professor **Emanuel Admassu** '12 MSAAD, '13 AAR, **Germame Barnes**, **Sekou Cooke**, **J. Yolande Daniels** '90 MArch, **Felecia Davis**, **Olafare Daniel Gooden** '90 MArch, **Walter Hood**, **Olaekan Jeyifous**, **V. Mitch McEwen** '06 MArch, and Adjunct Associate Professor **Amanda Williams**, as well as new photographs by **David Hartt**.

Find more exhibition resources on the [GSAPP website](#).

Associate Professor **Mario Gooden** '90 MArch and Professor **Mary McLeod** participate with **Jacqueline Taylor** in an event titled "Complicating the Canon: Modern Architecture and the Black Middle Class" exploring the work of Columbia alumna Amaza Lee Meredith (1895-1984) on March 19 at 12PM. The conversation is hosted by Columbia University's Department of Art History and Archaeology as part of the Collins/Kaufmann Forum for Modern Architectural History. Register [here](#).

Columbia University's Harriman Institute hosts a conversation among **Katherine Zubovitch**, author of *Moscow Monumental: Soviet Skyscrapers and Urban Life in Stalin's Capital*; **Kimberly E. Zarecor**; and **Alexander Cooley** on March 9 at 12PM. Register [here](#).

Columbia University's Society of Fellows in the Humanities hosts a lecture by MIT Professor **Kate Brown** on urban farming titled "The Ideological Obstruction of the Self-Provisioning City" on March 11 at 12:30PM. Register [here](#).

The Brown Institute hosts a lecture by **Shourideh Molavi** of Forensic Architecture titled "Investigations in 3D" on March 12 at 11AM. Register [here](#).

## NEWS

News:  
KARLA ROTHSTEIN PUBLISHES "LIVING DEATH" IN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW'S MARCH 2021 ISSUE ON CARE WITH CHRISTINA STAUDT

News:  
JASON PUGH '06 MSAUD, 2021-2022 PRESIDENT OF NOMA, AND TIFFANY BROWN '07 M.Arch, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NOMA, INTERVIEWED BY METROPOLIS MAGAZINE TOGETHER WITH R. STEVEN LEWIS ON NOMA'S LONG-TERM GOALS

News:  
SHARON SUTTON '73 M.Arch INTERVIEWED "ON DISCIPLINE, INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP, AND BEING THE FIRST" IN MADAME ARCHITECT

News:  
PROFESSOR MABEL O. WILSON '91 MARCH AND SEAN ANDERSON, CURATORS OF THE EXHIBITION "RECONSTRUCTIONS" AT MOMA, INTERVIEWED BY CULTURED MAGAZINE

News:  
"THE BOWLINE" BY MSRED STUDENTS YESHU TAN, KYLIE POND, ANDREW ALLYN; MARCH STUDENT LIN HOU; AND MSUP STUDENT ZEINEB SELLAMI WINS HONORABLE MENTION IN THE 2021 ULI HINES STUDENT COMPETITION

News:  
UP PHD CANDIDATE MICHAEL SNIDAL'S REPORT "MISSED OPPORTUNITY: THE WEST BALTIMORE OPPORTUNITY ZONES STORY" CO-AUTHORED WITH SANDRA NEWMAN CITED IN THE BALTIMORE SUN

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